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because everything in the molecule can contribute to combustion. When you remove one of the combustible elements from the molecule and put oxygen, then the oxygen that replaced that combustible reduces the amount of combustion and therefore you get less mileage with ethanol or a reformulated gas than you do where there has not been the oxygenation. They don't talk about less mileage from ethanol. They talk about more energy. Maybe that means you can get a jack rabbit start because jack rabbits eat corn. So I'll let them explain that. It should be of great concern to us on the floor of the Legislature when on the one hand we're talking about helping the economy of the state and on the other spending taxpayers' money in gifts to an industry which acknowledges it can never survive on its own. Without the subsidies, ethanol production would cease. Where's Senator Baker? Is he around here someplace?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't see him.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you available?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will ask...

SENATOR CUDABACK: I think he's coming, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I hear the pitter-patter of little feet. Now I see Senator Baker. Senator Baker, right now...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Do you yield, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...ethanol is not a fuel itself. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BAKER: I think that's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Ethanol is not transported by pipeline. Isn't that true?

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct.